

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-F-07-06

Issued at Haines, Friday, June 2, 2006

Effective 12:01 A.M.
Date: Monday, June 5, 2006

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Monday, July 31, 2006. Unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order establishes a bag and possession limit for all anglers (both Alaska residents and nonresidents) of three king salmon with no size limit and no annual limit (for nonresidents) in the terminal salt waters of Taiya Inlet near Skagway to harvest surplus hatchery produced king salmon returning to Pullen Creek. This emergency order also closes the saltwater areas at the mouth of Pullen Creek to sport fishing to allow king salmon to enter the stream for brood stock needs. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 12:01 A.M. Monday, June 5 through 11:59 P.M. Monday, July 31, 2006.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(c) (4&5) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(c) In the Haines/Skogway vicinity:

- (4) the salt waters of Taiya Inlet north of the latitude of Taiya Point, except as provided in (5) of this subsection;
 - (A) the bag and possession limit is three king salmon; no size limit;
 - (B) the nonresident annual limit does not apply.
- (5) the salt waters of Taiya Inlet north of a line extending from a department marker on the Broadway Dock, to a department marker on the ore terminal dock, and including the area off the mouth of Pullen Creek, are closed to sport fishing.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Randy Ericksen
Haines/Skogway Area
Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: Hatchery produced king salmon resulting from releases at Pullen Creek are expected to return to Taiya Inlet in excess to broodstock needs. Regulations changing bag and possession limits are therefore modified according to provisions in 5 AAC 47.055 (h) and 5 AAC 75.003 (2) (B) to allow harvest of these excess king salmon by sport anglers.

King salmon destined for Pullen Creek hold in salt water until a sufficient high tide permits them to migrate through the culvert at the Pullen Creek Outlet. These fish mill off the mouth of the creek thereby making them vulnerable to sport anglers. This closure is needed to allow enough king salmon to enter this stream for brood stock needs.

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limits for king salmon to three fish of any size for both residents and nonresidents, and eliminates the annual limit for king salmon in Taiya Inlet.

DISTRIBUTION: The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 240020, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270 and at the Haines/Skagway Area Office, P.O. Box 330, Haines, AK 99827, (907) 766-2625.